

COL REG 3 Interpretation to COLREG 1972 Annex 1, Section 3 (b)

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Regulation

Annex 1, Section 3(b) reads: On power-driven vessels of 20 m or more in length the sidelights shall not be placed in front of the forward masthead lights. They shall be placed at or near the side of the vessel.

Interpretation

The term "near the side" is interpreted as being a distance of not more than 10% of the breadth of the vessel inboard from the side, up to a maximum of 1 metre.

Where the application of above requirement is impractical (e.g. small ships with superstructure of reduced width) exemption may be given on the basis of the Flag Authority acceptance.

Note:

1. This UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Members and Associates from 1 July 2006.
2. Changes introduced in Rev.1 are to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies for ships contracted for construction on or after 1 January 2010.
3. The "contracted for construction" date means the date on which the contract to build the vessel is signed between the prospective owner and the shipbuilder. For further details regarding the date of "contract for construction", refer to IACS Procedural Requirement (PR) No. 29.

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